

You can help keep the NPTE current

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy

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The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) has begun a project to update the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) for PTs and PTAs. This project, called a practice analysis, occurs about every five years. Its goal is to update the content outline for the PT and PTA examinations so that they continue to test knowledge currently required for safe and effective patient care by entry-level practitioners.

Surveys mailed out in April 2011

In April, FSBPT mailed out surveys to a random sample of about 18,000 PTs and PTAs asking them to describe specific knowledge and skills necessary for competent and safe practice. The surveys were sent to PTs and PTAs working in various clinical settings and with various years of practice.

It's important to respond

These survey results are the building blocks for developing new content outlines for the NPTE, so every response is valuable.

Getting the word out

We're very eager to encourage newly-practicing PTs and PTAs to complete the survey. This group had a low response rate to the surveys sent in 2006 during the previous practice analysis.

We are asking faculty members, employers, and others interested in maintaining an up-to-date licensure examination to help get the word out. If you know someone who received the practice analysis survey, especially if they were licensed in the last three years, please encourage them to fill it out and return it to the Federation. Thank you in advance!

Additional information

You can read about the last practice analysis on the FSBPT website at www.fsbpt.org. Go to For Candidates/ NPTE/ Exam Development.

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